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TOPEKA, KANSAS, MAN ENTERS GUILTY PLEA ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

TOPEKA, Kan. -- United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Jermaine A. Rayton, 21, Topeka, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on Feb. 23, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Julie A. Robinson to one count of distributing more than 5 grams of crack cocaine and one count of possession of a firearm during a drug-trafficking crime.**

Melgren said that Moreno admitted at his plea that on Feb. 20, 2003, he sold 6.22 grams of crack cocaine in Topeka to an undercover agent who was working with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms. The defendant admitted that during the sale of drugs he was carrying a firearm.

Rayton faces a minimum of five years and a maximum of forty years in federal prison without parole on the drug charge to be followed consecutively by a five year term on the gun charge. Sentencing is set for May 24, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Topeka Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Task Force in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown in this prosecution.